

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: January 4, 2005

**JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ**

Chairman

**JOHN F. NELSON**

Clerk of the Board

**TOMMIE C. MARTIN**

Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard  
Chief Deputy Clerk

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**

Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Emergency Session at 10:45 a.m.

John Nelson, County Manager/Clerk, requested that an Emergency Session be held immediately following the Board's Regular Meeting in order to adopt Resolution No. 05-01-02 declaring a state of emergency within Gila County as a result of a series of winter storms moving through the County. Mr. Nelson advised that the storms are primarily affecting the northern area of the County resulting in road closures and some people being stranded in the Tonto Basin area without access to food or medicine because the water level is so high at Tonto Creek that it cannot be crossed. Sheriff John R. Armer advised that of this morning there has been one loss of life at Tonto Creek and a search is ongoing for one other person. Mr. Nelson advised that by declaring a state of emergency in Gila County through the adoption of the resolution, it allows the County to apply for State and Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act and the appropriate Arizona Revised Statutes, or otherwise

from the President's Disaster Relief Act. Chairman Sanchez asked Mr. Nelson to read aloud the resolution. Chairman Sanchez then asked for comments from the other Board members. Vice-Chairman Martin expressed her support of this resolution. Supervisor Dawson stated that this same situation has occurred many times at Tonto Creek during periods of heavy rainfall. She stated that it is her understanding that Congressman Rick Renzi is continuing to make efforts to raise funds so that a bridge may be built across Tonto Creek. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 05-01-02. **(A copy of the resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors office.)**

Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk